

**THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED**

**01 APRIL 2021**

**Charity Number: 1190031**

**Company Number: CE022249**

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## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021**

<b>Trustees</b>	Dr P Goodenough (Chairman) S Goodenough A Cockerell (Treasurer) C Mowat A Tait (Resigned 8 January 2021) P Deacon (appointed 8 January 2021)
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1190031
<b>Company number</b>	CE0022249
<b>Charity Address</b>	The Woods Curry Rivel Langport Somerset TA10 0PW
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 46 North Street Taunton TA1 1LZ
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	S M Bachrach Chalmers & Co (SW) Limited Chartered Accountants The Old Emporium Bow Street Langport Somerset TA10 9PQ

# **THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 1 April 2021 as set out on pages 5 to 8. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 and comply with applicable law.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Curry Woods Conservation Trust was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 22 June 2020 and is governed by its document dated 27 May 2020. The registered company number is CE022249. It is also a registered charity with the registered charity number of 1190031.

Reference and administrative details including the principle office address and details of trustees who served the charity during the period and up to the date of signing are shown on page 1 of the accounts.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Governing document. Formal trustee training is provided on an ad hoc basis as required. All strategic decisions are taken by the trustees.

The Trustees continue to review the major risks to which the charity is exposed, covering all identified, relevant areas including financial risk and risks associated with personnel. Risks have been identified, assessed and safeguards have been put in place to eliminate or mitigate such risks as far as is reasonably possible.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The main charitable objects of the CIO are:

- To conserve, protect and improve for the public benefit the physical and natural environment of the existing ancient woodland known as Curry Woods and its associated, fauna and flora, pasture and grassland.
- To reinstate and maintain through careful and appropriate management practices a public right of way providing open access to Curry Woods for the general public.
- To engage and inform the general public in the conservation of Curry Woods and all its associated fauna and flora. The general public will be encouraged to visit and volunteer to help with tree planting, maintenance and conservation activities. Information relating to Curry Woods, its history and fauna and flora will be made widely available.
- To increase the diversity of species present and ensure the sustainability of the woods. Through the use of appropriate and expert forest and land management practices young native trees will be planted along with some exotics and conifers. This approach will provide long term viability for the flora and fauna which constitute Curry Woods, while providing the benefits of additional carbon capture and also green space.
- The Trust aims to engage the general public as widely as possible in the sustainable use and preservation of Curry Woods. A community approach to sustainable management under expert guidance is for the benefit of current and future generations of the general public.
- The Trust will look for expert advice guidance where and when appropriate from the Somerset Wildlife Trust, The RSPB and independent ecologists. The main thrust of the work will be to plan and organise the management of the heritage woodland, the planting of new woodland and the cultivation of associated land supporting bird and mammal populations.

When planning the activities for the period, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities for promoting the environment. The Trustees believe the activities set out above and further described below under 'achievements and performance' clearly demonstrate the charity's commitment to providing an identifiable public benefit and that access to this benefit is not restricted in any way



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### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In June 2020 the Charity Commission approved the trust and registered it as a new charity.

In the autumn we worked with the 'Reimagining the Levels' group and The Woodland Trust to obtain a mixture of 400 trees and shrubs for us to plant. The Somerset Rivers Authority awarded the Trust a grant to cover the planting and protection of these plants under the 'Hills to Levels' flood protection scheme. A group of volunteers started planting in December and this was continued in the New Year, maintaining social distancing throughout. Another 100 trees and shrubs were donated by 'One Planet Matters' and these were also planted. The Trust bought the stakes and guards for these.

In December 2020 the trust successfully purchased 3.1 hectares of field and woodland at Hellards Hill Lane, Curry Rivel.

In March 2021 a highly successful day was spent with the 32 children of years 5 and 6 from the Curry Rivel Primary School (about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to the south) planting the last fifty trees. They were very enthusiastic and we stressed that this was planting for the future and explained what benefits they could hope to see for themselves.

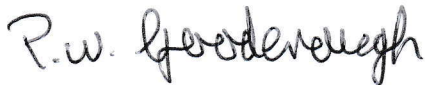
The boundaries of the Trust land within the existing woodland have been identified and marked with temporary markers; we continue to seek funds to work on permanent marking, fencing, footpath improvement and educational activities on site. We will plant another 400 trees, which will again be donated by the same organisations as before, in the autumn. For now the next priority is providing enough water for the newly planted trees. We have discovered a well on the site and have six storage tanks, each one metre cubed, which we hope to fill for the summer watering.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts during the period were £62,120 with the majority arising from donations and grants. Total payments were £61,549, the main payment being for the purchase of fields and woodland.

### RESERVES POLICY

The trustees closely monitor the charity's financial position and seek to ensure that reserves are sufficient to meet its ongoing liabilities. The charity does not aim to hold substantial unrestricted reserves.



Signed by order of the trustees

**Dr P Goodenough**

Chairman

Approved by the trustees on **23 October 2021**

**THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)**  
**TRUSTEES APPROVAL CERTIFICATE**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021**

We confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts on pages 5 to 8 have been prepared from the books and records of the Charity. All other relevant information has been made available for their preparation.

We also confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts are an accurate record of the Charity's activities in the period.

**Dr P Goodenough**

*P. W. Goodenough*

Dated: 23 October 2021

*A S Cockerell*

**Mr A Cockerell**

Dated: 23 October 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**  
**OF THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO) ON ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021 CHARITY NO.1190031**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 01 April 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

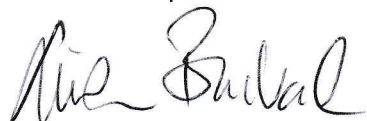
As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ☐ the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- ☐ the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Simon Bachrach FCA  
CHALMERS & CO (SW) LIMITED  
Chartered Accountants  
Trading as Chalmers & Co.  
The Old Emporium  
Bow Street  
Langport  
Somerset  
TA10 9PQ

Date **03 November 2021**

**THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021**

	Current Period General Funds £
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	
Donations	31,000
Grants      South Somerset District Council	12,500
Fairfield Trust	15,000
Curry Rivel Parish Council	1,500
HMRC Gift Aid	2,120
<b>Total receipts for the year</b>	<b>£62,120</b>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>	
Tree Planting costs (mulch, guards etc)	371
<b><u>CAPITAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	
Purchase of field and woods	60,000
Legal fees for purchase	1,178
<b>Total payments for the year</b>	<b>£61,549</b>
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	0
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<b>£571</b>



**THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021**

	Current Period General Funds £
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>	
Bank Current Account	£571

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**£571**

**OTHER NON MONETARY ASSETS**

3.1 Hectares of field and woodland	<hr/> <hr/> <b>£61,549</b>
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We confirm that the above Statement of Assets is an accurate record of the Charity's assets at the period end.

*P. W. Goodenough*

**Dr P Goodenough**

Dated 23 October 2021

*A S Cockerell*

**Mr A Cockerell**

Dated 23 October 2021

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021

### 1) Accounting policies

The accounts on pages 6 to 7 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

All assets of £250 and over have been included in total assets.  
All expenses under £250 are included in maintenance costs.

### 2) Remuneration

No remuneration has been paid to the charity's trustees in the period.

### 3) Trustees' Expenses

No Trustees expenses have been reimbursed in the period.

### 4) Funds

**General Fund:** This fund exists to deal with the day-to-day receipts and payments of the association.  
These funds represent the funds of the trust that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and may be applied in achieving any of the objectives of the charity as decided by the trustees.

5) No guarantees have been given by the charity.

6) There are no debts outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity.

7) If the CIO is wound up, each member of the CIO is liable to contribute to the assets of the CIO such amount (but not more than £10) as may be required for payment of the debts and liabilities of the CIO contracted before that person ceases to be a member, for payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for adjustment of the rights of the contributing members among themselves.

Member' includes any person who was a member of the CIO within 12 months before the commencement of the winding up.

But subject to that, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets if it is wound up, and accordingly have no personal responsibility for the settlement of its debts and liabilities beyond the amount that they are liable to contribute.